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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1214)**

In re Application of: Welcher et al.)
Serial No.: 09/723,676) Before the Examiner: P. Mertz
Filed: November 28, 2000) Group Art Unit: 1646
For: Interleukin-1 Receptor)
Antagonist-Like Molecules)
and Uses Thereof)

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection dated March 7, 2003 of Claims 1-8, 10, 11, and 42-46 pending in the above-identified patent application.

A check including the \$320.00 fee for filing a Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is enclosed herewith.

If Examiner Mertz believes it to be helpful, she is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

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